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SUBJECT: ECEVIT GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED: RPP NOT
HOPEFUL ON CONFIDENCE VOTE

1. JUNE 28 PRIMIN ECEVIT READ HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM TO
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE PROGRAM, A RELATIVELY BLAND DOCU-
MENT WHICH ACCENTS NATIONALISM RATHER THAN IDEOLOGY, IS
CLEARLY WRITTEN WITH THE CONFIDENCE VOTE IN MIND. MANY RPP
ELECTION PROMISES TO THE LEFT (SUCH AS ABOLITION OF ARTICLES 141
AND 142 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE WHICH PROHIBIT COMMUNIST ACTIVITY
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IN TURKEY) ARE EITHER IGNORED OR WATERED DOWN. EMBASSY
COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF PROGRAM WILL FOLLOW
BY SEPTELS.

2. HURRIYET, COMMENTING ON THE PROGRAM IN ITS JUNE 29 ISSUE,
DESCRIBES THE PROGRAM AS ONE THAT DOES NOT REFLECT A SPECIFIC
PARTY OR IDEOLOGY AND THAT SHOULD THEREFORE BE ACCEPTABLE TO

MOST TURKISH CITIZENS.

3. THE THREE MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTIES -- THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP), THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) AND THE NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) -- WERE NOT PRESENT IN THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE READING OF THE PROGRAM. THE JP AND NAP ATTENDED THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM SO THAT THE PROGRAM COULD BE READ, BUT THEY WALKED OUT PRIOR TO THE READING. THE NSP DID NOT ATTEND. THE OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEDULED DEBATES ON THE PROGRAM. THESE DEBATES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SENATE JUNE 30 AND IN THE ASSEMBLY JULY 1, AND SHOULD TAKE NO LONGER THAN A FEW HOURS. THE CONFIDENCE VOTE SHOULD THEN OCCUR JULY 3.

4. THE TENOR OF THE PRO-RPP PRESS JUNE 29 IS PESSIMISTIC, WITH MANY COMMENTTATORS TALKING ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IS LOST. KNOWLEDGEABLE POLITICAL REPORTER CUNEYT ARCA YUREK WRITES IN HURRIYET THAT THE RPP MAY TRY TO FORCE A SECRET BALLOT ON THE CONFIDENCE VOTE HOPING THAT SYMPATHETIC OPPOSITION DEPUTIES MIGHT BE WILLING TO STAY AWAY ON THE PROCEDURAL VOTE AND THEN VOTE FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN SECRET. RPP DEPUTY TOLD EMBOFF YESTERDAY THAT ON THE BASIS OF PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND THE INFORMATION HE POSSESSES, ECEVIT'S GOVERNMENT WLL NOT WIN THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THE EFFORTS OF SITANBUL-BASED INDUSTRIALISTS (KOC AND SABANCI) WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING A FEW JP DEPUTIES TO DEFY DEMIREL AND VOTE FOR THE GOVERNMENT. HE DID NOT EXPRESS THE HOPE WITH GREAT CONFIDENCE, HOWEVER.

5. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THE VOTE WILL BE CLOSE. IF PARTY DISCIPLINE HOLDS, ECEVIT WILL LOSE. ON THE OTHER HAND INTENSE, SECRET EFFORTS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY BEING MADE TO PERSUADE FIVE OR SIX OPPOSITION DEPUTIES TO CHANGE SIDES. WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL JULY 3 HOW EFFECTIVE THESE EFFORTS ARE.
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